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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32,50-56,61-63,66,67,75 and 81-112 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-32,50-55,75,82-92,98-102 and 109-112 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 56,61-63,66,67,81,93,103 and 104 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 94-97 and 105-108 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of claims 56, 61-63, 66-67, 81, 93-97 and 103-108 in the reply filed on 05/25/10 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that claims 1-29 and 83-91 in Group I have already been examined together with the claims of Group IV, and therefore should be examined together with the above identified claims. This is not found persuasive because; Group I (claims 1-29, 83-91) is a system and a method for generating images of a breathing motion using radiation and synchronizing image data. In contrast, Group IV (claims 75, 82 and 98-100) is a method for collecting, sorting and storing image data.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 56, 61-63, 66-67, 81, 93 and 103-104 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kaufman et al. (US 7,006,862).

Kaufman discloses a system and associated method in which radiation therapy is gated by an ECG signal, that involves at least first and second real-time images and forming a composite image with thresholding pixel (contrast) values in the activation/deactivation of a therapeutic radiation (abstract; Fig. 16; col. 5; col. 14; col. 20, lines 16-23; col. 3, lines 32-45; col. 8, lines 8-14; col. 13, lines 24-33; col. 2, lines 57-64; col. 9, lines 10-17; inter alia). Additionally, the method of Kaufman et al. is specific to synchronizing with respect to phases of the cardiac cycle, which implies a template to align the characteristic phases (col. 8, lines 8-12; also col. 10, lines 57-61 for slice alignment with the R-R cycle). Template matching is additionally inferred from the monitoring of duration of the R-R cycle in Kaufman et al. (col. 11, lines 33-43), and wherein the image data corresponds with a phase value of a breathing cycle, and the image phase value is calculated using the phase value of the breathing cycle (col. 16, lines 38-43 and col. 16 lines 54-67).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 94-97 and 105-108 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN F. RAMIREZ whose telephone number is (571)272-8685. The examiner can normally be reached on (Mon-Fri) 7:00 - 3:30 p.m.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian L. Casler can be reached on (571) 272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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